

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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~~TOP SECRET~~**



1. Morocco-Algeria

a. Stymied by superior Moroccan force in the disputed border area, the Algerians, as we had feared, have carried the conflict northward, attacking and defeating a small Moroccan garrison at Ich, some 100 miles northeast of Colomb-Bechar. They are also building up in the Tlemcen area.

b. Ben Bella, now in uniform and busily sending government deputies off to war, is whipping up an emotional atmosphere. The Algerian press, in Castro-like tones, continues to explain the frontier incidents in terms of monarchist-imperialist plots against the Algerian state and people.

c. Both parties are hard at work trying to line up support, if not aid; Algeria from the Communist and Afro-Asian nations at the UN, and Morocco from Spain, France, and, if possible, other Western countries. Neither party wants UN intervention, yet at least.

d. Haile Selassie and Nkrumah, the latter through his foreign minister, Botsio, are currently trying to mediate, although they avoid using the term. So are Syria and Iraq.

2. Congo

a. The plan to put Leopoldville under a state of emergency is being held up until after Adoula returns (he arrived in Leopoldville last night).

b. The idea is to get his approval,

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c. Mobutu appears prepared to support emergency decrees.

d. While the so-called "state of exception" will apply to Leopoldville only, other areas, such as Stanleyville, have been under a "state of exception" for some time, and its application in Leopoldville will undoubtedly be felt beyond the city limits.

e. Adoula's position in the immediate future remains unclear but, Ambassador Gullion is very pessimistic. He believes Adoula's regime is now perilously close to dissolution. The political disquiet, he feels, is due to the government's inability to stem the process of economic decay seen particularly in massive unemployment, flight of capital, and, as always, corruption.

3. Cuba

a. Cuban

"critical" shortages of goods, such as food, water, clothing and gasoline, for example, have become commonplace since the hurricane.

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b. Even so, the Cubans persist in their hardnosed attitude toward foreign aid. They refuse to allow an adviser to be sent from the Red Cross in Geneva, with the result that little, if any, further aid from that quarter will be forthcoming.

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e. The Chinese, however, are outdoing themselves. To hear them tell it, they are sending 20,000 tons of rice, 30,000 tons of wheat, nearly 4 million meters of cloth, 1 million pairs of rubber shoes, 20,000 tons of cement, etc., etc.; goods in quantities which most Chinese, we are sure, did not know they had to spare.

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NOTES

A. Britain Lord Home has succeeded in forming a government after tense negotiations throughout most of yesterday and last night to quell an insipient rebellion in party ranks.

B. USSR

Khrushchev's chemical fertilizer project will be pursued full speed, despite heavy expenditures for imported grain. Other sectors of the economy will have to suffer.

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the major portion of funds allocated to capital construction would go to the chemical industry. Plans for other projects were being curtailed.

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